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Crop Report for May 6, 2007

Saskatchewan farmers have seeded 10 per cent of the 2007 crop, according to Saskatchewan Agriculture and Food's weekly crop report.

The five-year (2002-06) average is 10 per cent of the crop planted at this time. Twenty-two per cent of the crop is planted in the southwest, 16 per cent planted in the southeast, seven per cent planted in west central regions and less than five per cent is planted elsewhere.

Topsoil moisture conditions are reported as adequate on three-quarters of the grainbelt. While areas of surplus moisture are slowly decreasing, north eastern regions still report more than 70 per cent as surplus. Some areas of short topsoil moisture are reported in the southern and central grainbelts.

The May 1, 2007 Stubble Subsoil Moisture map shows an improvement in stored soil water over much of the area south of the No. 1 highway, though pockets of very dry to dry still remain. North of the No. 1 highway generally has good to very good subsoil moisture.

For areas with excess topsoil moisture refer to the weekly crop land topsoil moisture map. Rain over the weekend in the southeast region also improved subsoil moisture conditions this past week.

Across the province, three per cent of the winter wheat and two per cent of the fall rye were reported as winterkilled. Many farmers reported that damage came from flooding this spring.

The strong winds caused some soil erosion and delayed spraying operations this past week.

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1 Year Ago

Nine per cent of the 2006 crop was seeded - 27 per cent in the southwest, 8 per cent in thesoutheast, and 4 per cent in the west central region.

Winter kill on fall-seeded crops: winter wheat - 2 per cent and fall rye - 3 per cent.

Just over two-thirds of crop reporters indicated adequate topsoil moisture conditions on crop land.

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Seeding Progress in SK
per cent seeded

	All Crops
May 6/07	10
5-year Avg. (2002-06)	10
May 7/06	9
May 8/05	16
May 9/04	19
May 4/03	3
May 5/02	2

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South eastern Saskatchewan (Crop Districts 1, 2, & 3ase)

Last week, the southeast had strong winds with showers in some areas. An average of 10 mm of precipitation was reported, ranging from an average low of 5 mm reported in Crop District (CD) 3ase, to an average high of 13 mm reported in CD 1. Some areas were receiving rain on Sunday and Monday which will go in next week's report. The strong winds dried the topsoil to the point where some farmers stopped planting oilseeds because it was getting too dry.

Sixteen per cent of the crop has been seeded in the southeast. Crop District 3ase reports 37% seeded, while CD 2a reports 8% seeded. Crops being seeded include peas, canola, lentils, spring wheat, oats, triticale, and barley. Early-seeded peas are emerging.

Topsoil moisture conditions on crop land improved this past week with reporters rating 84% of the area as having adequate topsoil moisture, compared to 79% last week. On hay and pasture land, moisture conditions also improved with reporters rating 68% of the area as having adequate moisture, compared with 61% last week. The driest aras are in CDs 2a and 3ase.

Subsoil moisture improved from November 1, 2006 in many areas of the southeast, with areas of poor or very poor subsoil moisture shrinking.

Three per cent of the winter wheat and 2% of the fall rye were winterkilled in the southeast.

Cattle are still being fed in many areas – both at home and on pasture. Farmers were doing pre-seeding burn-off when the winds died down. The winds were very damaging in some areas – causing soil erosion, blowing off shingles, tearing off doors, and damaging shed walls. Farmers reported shortages of fertilizer and some chemicals. Badger and gopher holes were damaging fields in the Ceylon area.

South western Saskatchewan (CDs 3asw, 3an, 3b, & 4)

This past week in the southwest was warm and windy, with some showers and some frost. An average of 16 mm of precipitation was reported, ranging from an average low of 8 mm reported in CD 4a, to an average high of 25 mm reported in CD 3asw. The wind caused soil erosion at the beginning of the week. Hail up to mothball size was reported in the Limerick area.

Almost 22% of the crop has been seeded in the southwest. Crop District 4b reports 31% seeded, while CD 3asw is 13% seeded. Some crops are emerging.

Topsoil moisture conditions on crop land improved slightly with reporters rating moisture conditions as adequate on 92% of the crop land, compared to 88% last week. Topsoil moisture conditions on hay and pasture land also improved, with reporters rating 85% having adequate topsoil moisture conditions, compared with 74% last week. The driest areas are in CDs 3bs and 4a.

Many areas of the southwest improved in the amount of available soil water from November 1, 2006. The areas of poor moisture have shrunk considerably, due largely to recent precipitation events.

Two per cent of the winter wheat and 1% of the fall rye were winterkilled in the southwest.

Gophers are still a problem in the southwest, and they are causing damage to crops as well as to fields. Some chemicals and inoculants are reported to be in short supply. Farmers are rolling land, picking rocks, spraying, and applying granular chemical and fertilizer. The wind and frost slowed down spraying. Cattle are being moved to pastures in some areas.

East central Saskatchewan (Crop Districts 5 & 6a)

The east central region had strong winds, light frost, and some showers this past week. An average of 4 mm of precipitation was reported.

Four per cent of the 2007 crop has been planted, with 9% planted in CD 5a and 1% planted in CD 5b.

Peas, barley, and canola are being planted. Lentils are germinating in the Holdfast area.

Topsoil moisture conditions on crop land improved from last week. Reporters rate 68% of the crop land as having adequate moisture, compared to 54% last week. Surplus ratings have improved from 45% last week to 29% this week. On hay and pasture land, topsoil moisture conditions also improved as reporters gave an adequate rating for 72% versus 62% last week.

Compared to the November 1, 2006 Stubble Subsoil Moisture map, the May 1, 2007 map shows an improvement. The entire east central region falls in the "Very Good" catagory of available soil water – though as indicated in the previous paragraph, some of that land is in a moisture surplus situation.

Five per cent of the winter wheat and 1% of the fall rye were winterkilled in the east central region. Some of the kill was from spring flooding.

Spraying was challenging to complete with the strong winds. Farmers are also cultivating, harrowing, rolling land, applying fertilizer, and picking rocks. Some shortages of fertilizer and chemical were reported.

Roads are still soft and farmers are getting stuck in fields.

West central Saskatchewan (Crop Districts 6b & 7)

The west central area had some warm and very windy days during the past week, with frost and cooler weather in a few areas. An average of 7 mm of precipitation was reported, ranging from an average low of 4 mm reported in CD 6b to an average high of 10 mm reported in CD 7b.

Seven per cent of the crop has been seeded in the west central region. Crops being planted include peas, durum, and canola.

Topsoil moisture conditions on crop land have improved, with reporters rating moisture as adequate on 85% of the land, compared with 80% last week. Topsoil moisture conditions on hay and pasture land remained much the same as last week with reporters rating topsoil moisture as adequate on 85% of the land.

The May 1, 2007 map of the west central region showed some improvement over the November 1, 2006 map. Subsoil moisture conditions are rated as good to very good across the majority of the region.

Five per cent of the winter wheat and 4% of the fall rye were winterkilled in the west central region. Deer were damaging winter wheat crops in the Dundurn area.

Farmers were cultivating, picking rocks, harrowing, and spraying when they could. Some cattle have been moved out to pasture. Shortages of fertilizer and some chemicals were reported. Gopher damage was reported in the Kerrobert area.

North eastern Saskatchewan (Crop Districts 8 & 9ae)

It was generally warm and windy in the northeast this past week. An average of 4 mm of precipitation was reported.

Almost 1% of the crop has been planted – with the activity occurring in CD 8a.

Topsoil moisture conditions on crop land improved slightly during the last week as the area of surplus moisture decreased. Reporters gave a surplus rating to 78% of the crop land, compared with 86% last week. On hay and pasture land, the amount of land in a surplus situation has decreased from 72% to 65%.

The May 1, 2007 Stubble Subsoil Moisture map shows the entire northeast in a situation of very good available soil water. The reality is that there is surplus subsoil moisture due to a wet fall in 2006 and abundant snowfall over the winter.

Three per cent of the winter wheat and 1% of the fall rye were winterkilled in the northeast. Some of the loss was due to spring flooding.

Roads are still soft, fields are not easy to access, and frost boils are still happening. Farmers are getting equipment ready, spraying, cleaning grain, harrowing, and fertilizing. Shortages of fertilizer and some canola varieties were reported.

Seeding Progress by Crop District			
CD	May 6/07	May 7/06	CD
1a	21	10	1a
1b	15	5	1b
2a	8	7	2a
2b	12	8	2b
3an	18	12	3an
3ase	37	12	3ase
3asw	13	10	3asw
3bn	21	27	3bn
3bs	22	37	3bs
4a	30	46	4a
4b	31	46	4b
5a	9	2	5a
5b	1	1	5b
6a	3	2	6a
6b	5	5	6b
7a	8	4	7a
7b	6	5	7b
8a	1	2	8a
8b	0	1	8b
9ae	0	0	9ae
9aw	2	1	9aw
9b	4	5	9b
Prov.	10	9	Prov.

North western Saskatchewan (Crop Districts 9aw & 9b)

The past week was variable with wind, sun, rain and cool weather in the northwest. An average of 13 mm of precipitation was reported, with the amounts up to 46 mm reported in the Lloydminster area.

Three per cent of the crop has been seeded in the northwest.

Topsoil moisture conditions on crop land deteriorated slightly during the past week with reporters rating moisture as surplus on 19% of the crop land versus 17% last week. On hay and pasture land, reporters say they have adequate moisture on 85% of the land, with the rest being under surplus moisture.

On May 1, 2007, the region showed generally very good subsoil moisture conditions throughout. As indicated in the previous paragraph, some of that land is in a surplus moisture situation.

One per cent of the winter wheat and 4% of the fall rye were winterkilled in the northwest.

Farmers are harrowing, fertilizing, picking rocks, and applying some chemical. There are a lot of gophers in the Rabbit Lake area. Some chemicals are getting hard to find. Some cattle are being moved to pasture – other are still feeding their stock.

The water is still causing problems with farmers getting in the fields and some are getting stuck. Some roads are still closed because of washouts.

Weekly Rainfall Summary

(in millimeters)

for the week ending May 6, 2007

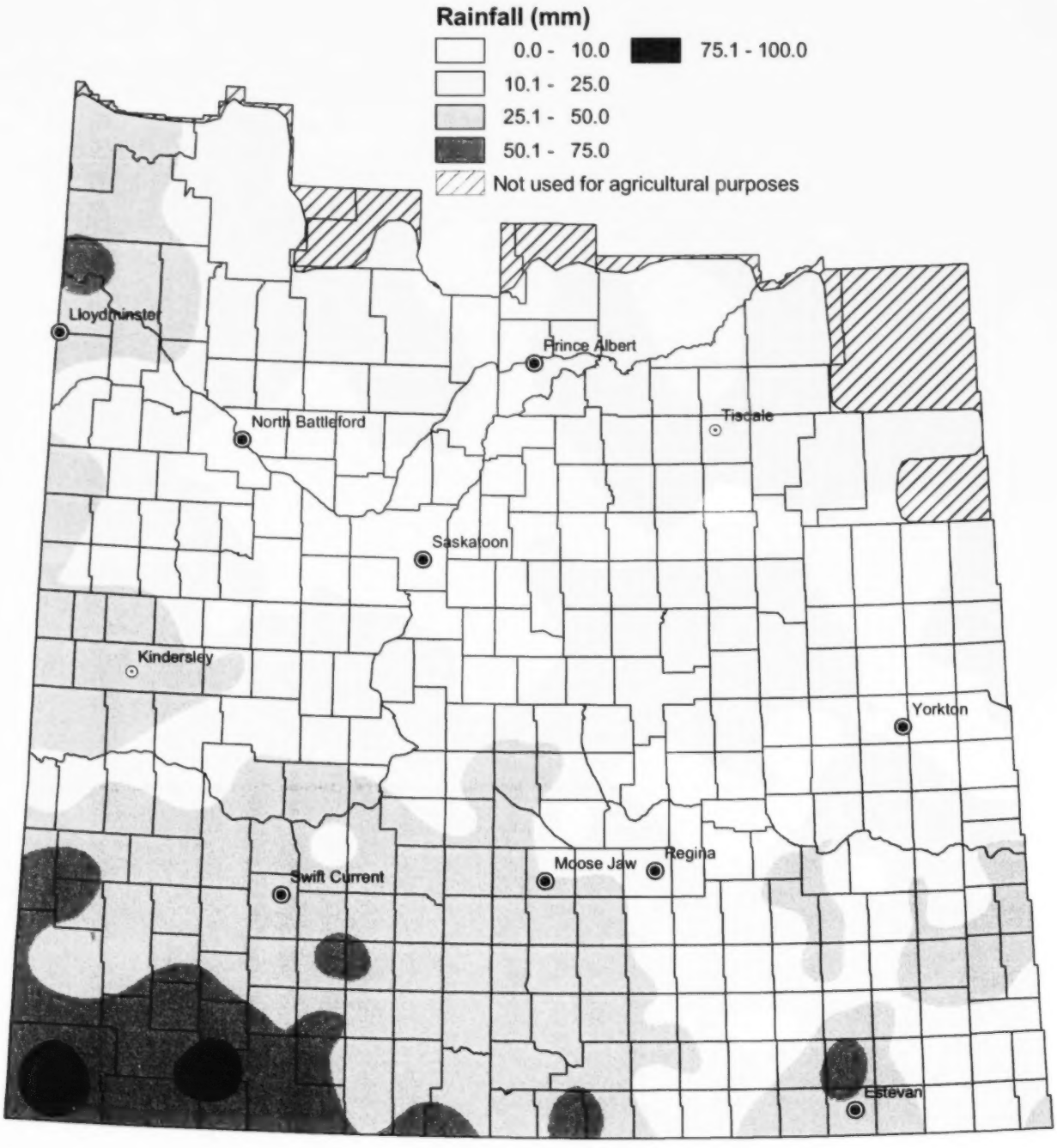
Crop Dist.	Municipality No.	Name	Past Week	Since April 1
1A	1	Argyle	14	31
	2	Mount Pleasant	5	12
	3	Enniskillen	13	22
	33 A	Moose Creek	6	15
	33 B	Moose Creek	14	19
	34	Browning	16	22
	35	Benson	16	65
	61	Antler	13	15
	63 A	Moose Mountain	15	29*
	63 B	Moose Mountain	2	2*
	64	Brock	21	27
	65	Tecumseh	20	30
1B	91	Maryfield	20	22
	92 A	Walpole	18	44
	92 B	Walpole	18	28
	93	Wawken	18	26
	94	Hazelwood	18	28
	95	Golden West	5	21
	123	Silverwood	NIL	10
	124	Kingsley	8	25
	125	Chester	12	29
	151 A	Rocanville	26	32
	151 B	Rocanville	23	25
	153	Willowdale	21	32
	154	Elcapo	TR	13
	155	Wolseley	TR	9
2A	36	Cymri	16	37
	66	Griffin	7	10
	67	Weyburn	TR	9
	68	Brokenshell	NIL	11
	69	Norton	1	23
	96	Fillmore	18	29
	97	Wellington	14	22
	99	Caledonia	TR	28
2B	126	Montmartre	3	18
	127	Francis	4	26
	129	Bratt's Lake	2	15
	131	Baildon	11	49
	156 A	Indian Head	15	29
	156 B	Indian Head	3	12
	157	South Qu'appelle	NIL	5
	158	Edenwold	4	10
	160	Pense	15	25
	161	Moose Jaw	8	29
	191	Marquis	8	30
3ASE	38 A	Laurier	NIL	25
	38 B	Laurier	13	34
	39 A	The Gap	NIL	14
	39 B	The Gap	5	34
3ASW	10	Happy Valley	34	54
	40	Bengough	28	49
	42	Willow Bunch	29	50
	43 A	Old Post	28	57
	43 B	Old Post	15	28
	44	Waverley	22	38
	70	Key West	25	34
	71 A	Excel	30	51
	71 B	Excel	17	30
	71 C	Excel	25	42
	73 A	Stonehenge	19	28
	73 B	Stonehenge	24	50
3AN	101 B	Terrell	15	43
	102	Lake Johnston	17	42
	132	Hillsborough	14	39
	134	Shamrock	17	38
	193	Eyebrow	14	24
	194	Enfield	20	25
3BS	17 A	Val Marie	8	52
	45	Mankota	20	40
	46	Glen Mcpherson	20	63
	75 A	Pinto Creek	28	46
	75 B	Pinto Creek	24	41
	76 A	Auvergne	17	31
	76 B	Auvergne	25	56
	77	Wise Creek	3	63
	78 A	Grassy Creek	12	70
	78 B	Grassy Creek	11	75
	78 C	Grassy Creek	10	50
	105	Glenbain	30	48
	106	Whiska Creek	19	57
	107	Lac Pelletier	8	27
	108	Bone Creek	10	53
3BN	136	Coulee	18	42
	166	Excelsior	8	22
	167	Sask. Landing	12	29
	225	Canaan	11	28
	226	Victory	12	25
	228 A	Lacadena	14	32
	228 B	Lacadena	7	17
	257	Monet	7	14
4A	19	Frontier	6	70
	49 B	White Valley	6	69
	51	Reno	8	78
	79	Arlington	10	56
	109	Carmichael	8	58*
	110	Piapot	7	44
	111 A	Maple Creek	7	36
	111 B	Maple Creek	14	51
4B	139	Gull Lake	9	34
	141	Big Stick	12	48
	142	Enterprise	16	63
	169	Pittville	8	33
	231	Happyland	17	24
	232	Deer Forks	8	21
5A	183	Fertile Belt	16	20
	185	Mcleod	18	26
	186	Abernethy	2	8
	187	North Qu'appelle	TR	2
	211	Churchbridge	1	1
	213	Saltcoats	1	9
	216 A	Tullymet	NIL	4
	216 B	Tullymet	NIL	12
	241	Calder	11	11
	243	Wallace	1	5
	245 B	Garry	TR	8
	246	Ituna Bon Accord	3	7
	247	Kellross	1	13
5B	271	Cote	2	9
	273	Sliding Hills	8	12
	275 A	Insinger	1	14
	276	Foam Lake	2	16
	277	Emerald	TR	14
	304	Buchanan	1	7
	307	Elfros	TR	18
	335	Hazel Dell	NIL	9
	336	Sasman	4	18
	337	Lakeview	7	17
	338	Lakeside	9	13
	366 B	Kelvington	2	9
	367 A	Ponass Lake	2	2
6A	189	Lumsden	7	20
	190 A	Dufferin	3	14
	190 B	Dufferin	3	4
	190 C	Dufferin	5	18
	219 B	Longlaketon	3	7
	219 C	Longlaketon	2	10
	220	Mckillop	3	10
	221	Sarnia	7	31
	222	Craik	10	38
	251	Big Arm	4	22
	252	Arm River	5	25
	279 A	Mount Hope	4	17
	280	Wreford	3	14
	282	Mccraney	2	4
	309	Prairie Rose	6	15
	312	Morris	3	3
	339 B	Leroy	6	14
	340 A	Wolverine	3	15
	340 B	Wolverine	3	11
	343	Blucher	5	8
6B	254	Loreburn	7	11
	283	Rosedale	7	13
	284	Rudy	7	18
	285	Fertile Valley	5	21
	286	Milden	10	24
	314	Dundurn	3	7
	344	Corman Park	1	1
	345	Vanscoy	2	3
	346	Perdue	2	10
	376 B	Eagle Creek	2	2
	403	Rosthern	3	10
	404	Laird	3	5
7A	259	Snipe Lake	10	24
	287	St. Andrews	2	18
	288	Pleasant Valley	5	28
	292	Milton	17	34
	317 B	Marriott	1	9
	318 A	Mountain View	4	9
	318 B	Mountain View	3	10
	320	Oakdale	17	40
7B	347 A	Biggar	2	4
	350 A	Mariposa	10	10*
	350 B	Mariposa	11	16
	352	Heart's Hill	20	25
	377	Glenside	2	5
	378 A	Rosemount	6	13
	378 B	Rosemount	2	5
	379	Reford	12	15
	380	Tramping Lake	10	10
	381	Grass Lake	14	17
	382	Eye Hill	25	38
	409	Buffalo	8	10
8A	397	Barrier Valley	3	14
	398	Pleasantdale	5	24
	428	Star City	5	15
	456	Arborfield	7	15
	457	Connaught	4	6*
	458	Willow Creek	3	7
	486	Moose Range	11	12
	487	Nipawin	TR	7
8B	369	St. Peter	4	9
	370	Humboldt	3	6
	371	Bayne	2	10
	402	Fish Creek	TR	6
	429 B	Flett's Springs	7	20
	430 A	Invergordon	2	10
	431	St. Louis	5	6
	459	Kinistino	7	22
9AE	488	Torch River	3	8
	520	Paddockwood	6	10
9AW	406	Mayfield	3	7
	435	Redberry	6	10
	436	Douglas	NIL	NIL
	463	Duck Lake	NIL	7
	464	Leask	8	21
	466	Meeting Lake	2	4
	467	Round Hill	TR	10
	493	Shellbrook	6	9
	494	Canwood	4	10
	496	Spiritwood	11	14
9B	438	Battle River	3	3
	442	Manitou Lake	9	14
	468	Meota	15	16
	498 A	Parkdale	15	15*
	498 B	Parkdale	12	16
	499	Mervin	28	32
	501 A	Frenchman Butte	34	44
	501 B	Frenchman Butte	25	29
	501 C	Frenchman Butte	46	56
	502	Britannia	32	44
	561	Loon Lake	18	23
	588 A	Meadow Lake	9	9
	588 B	Meadow Lake	17	25
	588 C	Meadow Lake	16	19

These precipitation amounts represent point locations within each municipality and do not necessarily reflect the whole R.M.

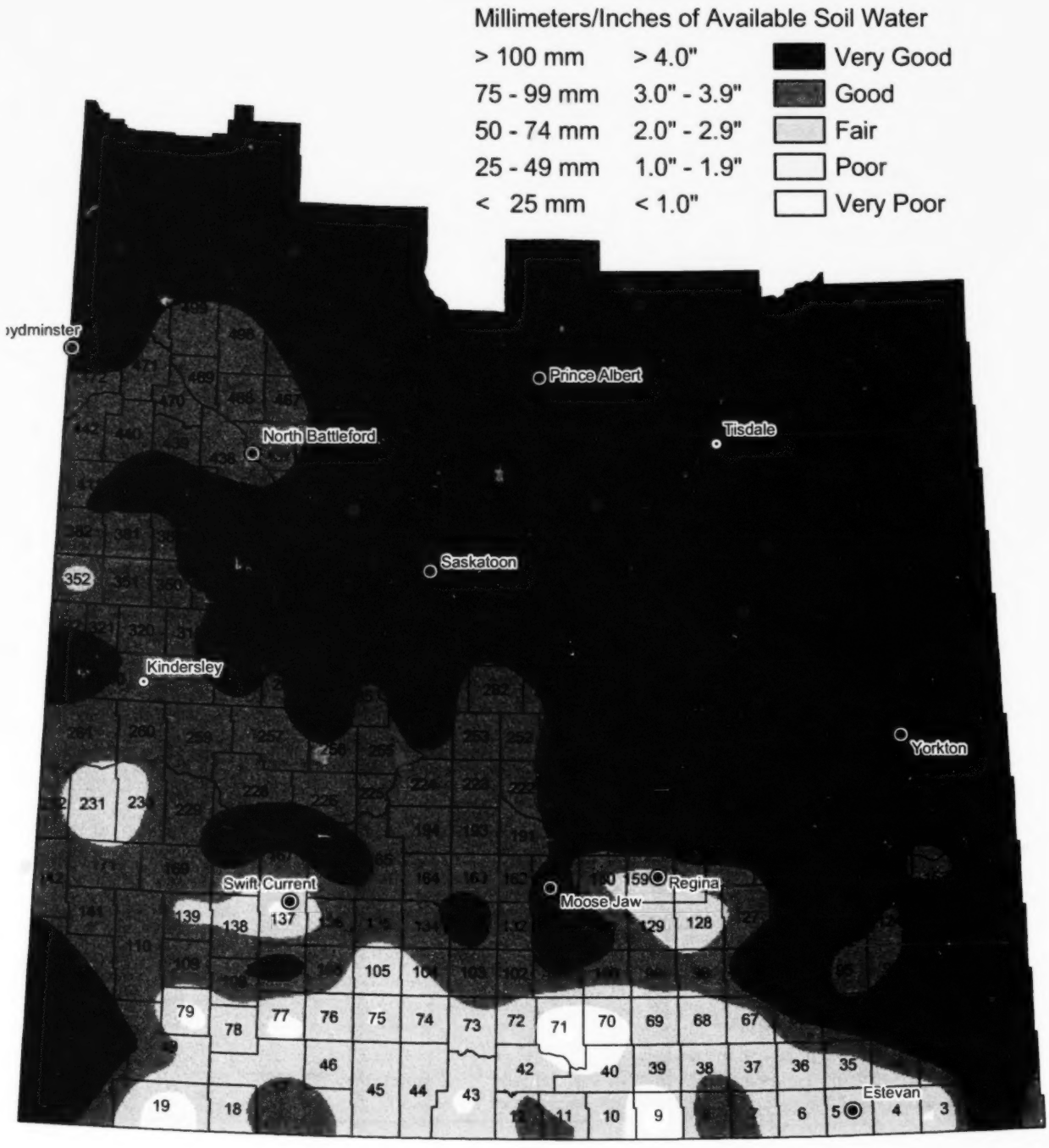
* incomplete

Municipality No: A, B, C, and D - more than one reporter

Cumulative Rainfall
From: April 1, 2007
To: May 5, 2007



Stubble Subsoil Moisture Map
May 1, 2007



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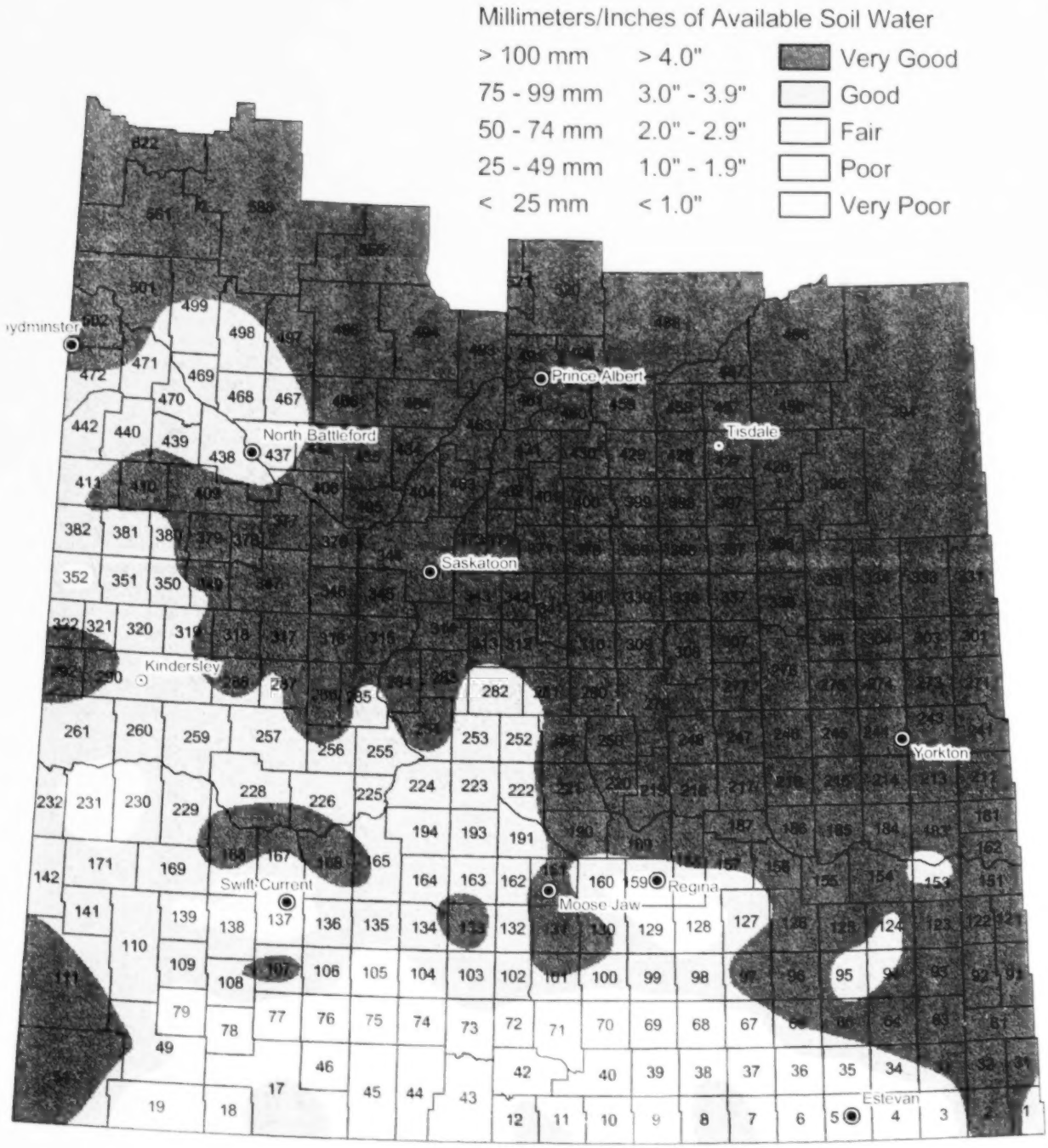

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